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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF PARA 11 US- USSR NORTH PACIFIC
FISHERIES AGREEMENT

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS PARA 11 A AND B OF
US- USSR AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN FISHERIES PROBLEMS IN NORTH-
EASTERN PACIFIC, FEB. 21, 1973, REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT
JUNEAU, ALASKA OF US NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
(NMFS) HAS BEEN SEEKING MEETING WITH SOVIET FLEET COMMANDER
IN ALASKA AREA. INITIAL MESSAGE WAS SENT ON MARCH 27 TO
JOINT EXPEDITION DALRYBA PROPOSING A MEETING ON/ ABOUT
MAY 1 NEAR POSITION 57 DEGREES N 152 DEGREES W ABOARD US
COAST GUARD VESSEL. TOPICS PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION AT
SUCH MEETING WERE: (1) POTENTIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN US
FIXED FISHING GEAR AND SOVIET TRAWL GEAR, (2) APPLICATION
OF PROVISIONS OF 1973 AGREEMENTS, (3) INCIDENTAL CATCH OF
HALIBUT AND CRAB BY SOVIET FLOUNDER FISHING VESSELS OFF
KODIAK ISLAND, (4) OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.
FOLLOW- UP MESSAGES WERE SENT BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR ON
APRIL 4 AND APRIL 11. ON APRIL 12 FLEET EXPEDITION
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COMMANDER ACKNOWLEDGED AND STATED PROPOSAL TO MEET WAS BEING CONSIDERED- MESSAGE SIGNED BY GENADI IBRAGIMOU. CHIEF JOINT EXPEDITION DALRYBA.

2. LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE IS MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN. A MAJOR REASON FOR MEETING AT THIS TIME IS FACT THAT HALIBUT SEASON IN AREA ENCOMPASSING KODIAK ISLAND AREA WILL BEGIN MAY 10 AND NUMBERS OF SMALL HALIBUT SET-LINE FISHING VESSELS CAN BE EXPECTED TO APPEAR IN AREA NOW BEING FISHED BY SOVIET FLOUNDER FLEET NEAR KODIAK. NMFS ANTICIPATES HIGH PROBABILITY OF INCIDENTS OF CONFLICT BETWEEN US HALIBUT GEAR AND SOVIET TRAWL GEAR UNLESS SITUATION CAN BE FULLY CONSIDERED AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES FORMULATED.

3. IN VIEW URGENCY REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF FISHERIES MINISTRY (DEPUTY MINISTER KAMENTSEV IF POSSIBLE) TO EXPLAIN PROBLEM AND URGE PROMPT AGREEMENT BY SOVIET FLEET COMMANDER TO MEETING AS PROPOSED OR SOME SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE. ROGERS

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